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SUBJECT: CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEW

REFS: A. STATE 118066

B. OTTAWA 1934

C. USNATO 3025

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND AS FOLLOW-UP TO MEETING WITH
CANADIAN DEFENSE ADVISOR (SHEFKIELD), REPORTEF REF C, USNATO
DEFENSE ADVISOR (LEGERE) CALLED ON NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ADVISOR
(LEINE) AND BELGIAN DEFENSE ADVISOR (TAYMANS) ON 5 JUNE TO
DISCUSS POSSIBLE NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN REPRESENTATIONS TO CANADA
CONCERNING CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEWGM IN BOTH CALLS, LEGERE
DREW ON REF A GUIDANCE USED IN 29 MAY DISCUSSION WITH SHEFFIELD
(REF C), EMPHASIZING (A) THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND MINISTER
LEBER HAD ALREADY REGISTERED THEIR CONCERN AT DPC, AND (B)
THAT RUX OF MATTER WAS THAT CANADA SHOULD CONSULT WITH NATO
BEFORE DECIDING ON ANY FORCE STRUCTURE CHANGES BEARING ON ITS
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NATO COMMITMENTS.

2. LEINE'S REACTION WAS POSITIVE THROUGHOUT. HE WILL SEEK TO HAVE NORWEGIAN AMBAUSADOR HERE RECOMMEND TO OSLO THAT NORWAY MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO CANADA THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN OTTAWA. HE INTENDS THAT THESE REPRESENTATIONS EMPHASIZE BOTH THE GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR CANADIAN CONSULTATION WITH ITS NATO PARTNERS AND THE PARTICULAR NORWEGIAN DESIRE TO BE KEPT FULLY IMFORMED CONCERNING ANY POSSIBLE DEFENSE REVIEW IMPACT ON TRAINING AND OTHER COOPERATION WITH NORWAY IN PEACETIME, AS WELL AS CANADIAN WARTIME REINFORCEMENT OF AFNORTH.

3. TAYMANS ALSO REACTED POSITIVELY THROUGHOUT. HE WILL BE RECOMMENDING THAT THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATION BE MADE BY AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE TO AMBASSADOR MENZIES HERE AT NATO, SINCE HE FEELS THAT DE STAERCKE'S STATUS AS DEAN OF PERMREPS HERE WOULD PROBABLY CARRY GREATER IMPACT THAN BELGIAN DEMARCHE IN OTTAWA.

4. WHEN NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, WE FEEL THAT OPTIMAL BILATERAL REPRESENTATION TO CANADIANS WILL HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE WEIGHED IN AT DEFENSE MINISTER, OTTAWA AND USNATO LEVELS; GERMANY WILL HAVE WEIGHED IN A DEFENSE MINISTER LEVEL; NORWAY WILL HAVE MADE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS IN OTTAWA; AND BELGIUM'S AMBASSADOR TO NATO WILL HAVE MET WITH HIS CANADIAN OPPOSITE NUMBER HERE. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND APPROACHING ANY OTHER NATO DELEGATIONS SINCE THEY ARE EITHER IN A WEAK POSITION TO BE MAKING THESE KINDS OF REPRESENTATIONS OR ARE TOO FAR REMOVED GEOGRAPHICALLY AND OTHERWISE TO ACHIEVE MUCH IMPACT ON CANADA. BRUCE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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